

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of **Loretel System's** Request  
for Approval of Certified Actual Costs  
Associated with the **Norman County** 911  
Emergency Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: September 11, 2000

DOCKET NO. **P420/ES-00-985**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911  
SYSTEM COSTS

**BACKGROUND**

On June 2, 1981, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Norman County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

On May 22, 1984, the Commission approved the actual costs Felton Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Norman County.

On October 2, 1984, the Commission approved the actual costs Norman County Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Norman County.

On April 23, 1985, the Commission approved the actual costs Twin Valley-Ulen Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Norman County.

On April 30, 1985, the Commission approved the actual costs Halstad Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service System in Norman County.

On May 25, 1988, the Commission approved the recertified actual costs Felton Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service System in Norman County.

On December 7, 1988, the Commission approved the recertified costs Norman County Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephones Services system in Norman County.

On May 19, 1995, the Commission approved actual costs Loretel Systems incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Services system in Norman County.

On January 26, 1999, the Commission approved the actual costs Independent Emergency Services Limited Liability Company (IES, LLC) incurred for placing Automatic Number Identification (ANI) service in Norman County.

On April 26, 1999, the Commission approved the actual costs MIIC incurred for ANI support in the Norman County 911 System.

On December 27, 1999, the Commission approved the actual costs IES, LLC incurred for providing a portion of Automatic Location Identification (ALI) service in the Norman County 911 Emergency Services system.

On June 7, 2000, the Commission approved the actual costs incurred by Halstad Telephone Company incurred for providing a portion of ANI and ALI service in the Norman County 911 Emergency Services system in Norman County.

On August 4, 2000, the Commission approved the actual costs incurred by Hutchinson Telephone Company for providing a portion of the ALI service in the Norman County 911 Emergency Services system Norman County.

On August 18, 2000, the Commission approved the actual costs incurred by Garden Valley Telephone Company for providing interexchange circuits for providing a portion of ANI in the 911 Emergency Services system in Norman County.

### **CURRENT FILING**

On July 28, 1998, Norman County contracted with Loretel Systems (Loretel) for ANI in their 911 Emergency Telephone Services system.

On April 26, 2000, Loretel installed interexchange circuits to the Ada, Perley, Flom, Gary, Twin Valley, and Borup Exchanges for tandem based ANI. They also installed ALI to the ADA and Perley Exchanges, and four interexchange circuits between the Ada and Erskin exchanges for Public Service Answering Points (PSAP) service in the 911 Emergency Telephone Services System in Norman County.

On May 1, 2000, Loretel certified the actual costs it incurred for the provision of interexchange circuits and developing an access line data base for ANI and ALI service.

Loretel is now requesting Commission approval of the actual ANI and ALI system costs. Commission approval is necessary before the Department of Administration (DOA) will make payments for 911 system costs.

### **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11, subd. 3 states:

Subd. 3 (METHOD OF PAYMENT; CERTIFICATION.) A public utility incurring reimbursable costs under subdivision 1 or 2 shall certify those costs to the commissioner of administration. The certification shall be in a form as prescribed by the commissioner after consultation with the public utilities commission. If the commissioner and the commission approve the certified costs as appropriate and accurate, the commissioner shall pay the certified costs from money appropriated for that purpose within 90 days following receipt by the commissioner of the certified costs. The commissioner of administration shall estimate the amount required to reimburse public utilities for the state's obligations under subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section and the governor shall include the estimated amount in the biennial budget request.

Loretel Systems has certified, in writing, that the elements of 911 services and associated costs indicated on Attachment A, reflect only charges for services actually rendered in the direct provision of 911 service in Norman County.

All charges listed on Attachment A are in accordance with the Company's tariffs.

The Commission finds that the costs for 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Norman County which have been certified by the Company are appropriate and accurate.

Policy References:

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11 System Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1400 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Recurring Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1500 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Central Office Modification Costs

**ORDER**

1. The costs identified on Attachment A accompanying this Order are approved as appropriate and accurate pursuant to the Commission's March 21, 2000 Standing Order Designating Filings Requesting Certification of 911 Costs As Filings Subject to Approval Under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, Subd. 7, Docket No. P-999/CI-99-1723.
2. This Order does not approve payment of any 911 system costs. Any possible future approval of payment for system costs shall be granted by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. Section 403.11.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary

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COUNTY OF RAMSEY )

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000 (s)he served the attached **Order Approving Certified 911 System Costs for Norman County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P420/ES-00-985.**

XX By depositing in the United States Mail at the City of St. Paul, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage prepaid

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, \_\_\_\_\_

a notary public, this \_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

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Notary Public